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CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND QUARTERLY UPDATE
Final 2020 Quarterly Report (March 1 - December 30)

California ended 2020 having spent or obligated 97 percent of its \$9.5 billion Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) by its initial year-end federal deadline, according to the final quarterly expenditure report just completed by the Department of Finance.

Though the initial December 30th deadline was extended by Congress late last month, the state had spent a total of \$8.2 billion in funds appropriated in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. In addition, a total of \$1.1 billion of CRF funds were obligated (or committed) by the year's end

Expenditure data provided by cities, counties, schools, community colleges, and state agencies through the final quarter of 2020 doubled to \$8.2 billion compared to the \$4 billion reported in the prior quarter. These funds have been instrumental in helping to mitigate learning loss for students, protect vulnerable populations, such as homeless individuals and families, and support front-line efforts to combat the virus including purchase of necessary personal protective equipment.

The table below compares the five largest categories of CRF expenditures between the third and fourth quarters of 2020, representing about 64 percent of total expenditures. The data reflect a relative decline in expenditures away from staff/personnel costs, seen in drop in ranking of payroll costs from second to fifth over the last three months of reporting, while direct spending on education, public health and housing significantly increased by year's end.

Top 5 Expenditure Comparison

Rank	Expenditures (3/1/20 - 9/30/20)		Expenditures (3/1/20 - 12/30/20)	
1	Facilitating Distance Learning	\$862 million	Facilitating Distance Learning	\$2.14 billion
2	Payroll for Public Health and Public Safety	\$699 million	Housing Support	\$959 million
3	Personal Protective Equipment	\$663 million	Personal Protective Equipment	\$819 million
4	Public Health Expenses	\$429 million	Public Health Expenses	\$735 million
5	Budgeted Personnel - Substantially Different Use	\$347 million	Payroll for Public Health and Public Safety	\$725 million
	Total	\$3.0 billion	Total	\$5.38 billion

Consistent with federal quarterly reporting requirements and to provide transparency in how these funds are being spent, Finance has developed a portal for state and local governments to report detailed expenditures and obligations in 17 categories associated with COVID-19 response and mitigation. Reports were received from all 58 counties, 474 cities, 1,957 local education agencies, 72 community college districts, and various state agencies that report on sub-recipients of CRF funds. Combined, the data reflect information for nearly 3,100 separate recipients of CRF.

Data reported for the fourth quarter reflect the following:

- Counties reported **all** of their funding, or nearly \$1.3 billion, was spent or obligated.
- Cities reported almost all (99.9 percent) of their total funding, or nearly \$499 million, was spent or obligated. A total of 456 cities have fully spent/obligated their funds; the remaining 18 cities reported about \$675,000 as unspent.
- Local education agencies reported over 98 percent of their funds spent or obligated, with less than \$69 million of the \$4.4 billion allocated to schools remaining unspent or unobligated. A total of 1,787 local education agencies reported funds as fully spent or obligated.
- Community college districts reported almost all (99.2 percent) of their total funding was spent or obligated, with about \$429,000 of the \$54 million allocated to community colleges remaining. A total of 69 community college districts reported funds as fully spent or obligated.
- The Department of Housing and Community Development reported expenditures totaling \$747 million for 94 Homekey projects with 51 local entities. The projects will create over 6,000 units to support housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness due to COVID-19.

Detail—To find more detailed spending information by the receiving entity – such as a county, city, or local education agency – access the Coronavirus Relief Fund Quarterly Report page and click on the “CRF Expenditures by Recipient” link.

http://www.dof.ca.gov/budget/COVID-19/CRF_Report/

This data set includes allocation amounts for nearly 3,100 recipients as well as expenditures reported from March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020 in 17 categories defined by the federal government. The data also reflect obligations of each entity. Data can also be filtered to see spending by county. The allocations are organized using state project IDs in key areas. Definitions of these projects are included along with a brief description of the program purpose and which state department oversees the use of the funds. A summary of total expenditures by category is also included with this data set. The data reflects aggregate expenditures for recipients of these funds. For specific details of items of expenditure within these 17 broad categories, the listed sub-recipient should be contacted directly.

Federal Reimbursement for State COVID-19 Costs—Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, state agencies have incurred substantial costs for actions taken to reduce the spread of the virus. Under the CARES Act and subsequent federal guidance, some of the costs already paid by the state are eligible for reimbursement using federal CRF monies.

Through December 30, reported costs totaling more than \$2.3 billion will be paid or reimbursed with CRF monies. A portion of these funds will be used to pay the state’s cost share for FEMA Public Assistance Program funding for purchases related to critical personal protective equipment, medical surge capacity, testing, and emergency operations. Funds will also be used to support various COVID-19-related activities including contact tracing support for local public health departments, support for health care workers, residential care facilities, senior programs, and food banks.

Finance will update expenditures and obligations after filing the federal report due on April 12, 2021.